# River lwi engagement feedback record: Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project

### Updated 17 June 2016

#### Waikato-Tainui

Date	Engagement Activity	Primary Objective	Key Feedback Points
18 September 2015	Waikato River Kaitiaki hui	Inform Waikato River Kaitiaki about the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Project	A good turn out at the Kaitiaki hui. River lwi manager presented the Healthy Rivers PowerPoint presentation and handed out the background project brochure and the workshop invitation.
			The group supported the best for the river approach and the water quality objective of the Waikato Tainui Environmental Plan as an outcome.
19-20 August 2015	Koroneihana– Tāngata whenua	Inform tangata whenua on freshwater issues and how to become more involved and how HRWO aspires to help resolve some of the issues.	Feedback from WRC staff:  Had a range of generations (young to old) from across the region and beyond in
	engagement		attendance. Proved to be ideal that the stand was practical and had real water quality
	Freshwater theme  WRC held a stand that included HRWO, water quality, water quality monitoring, aquatic pest plants and freshwater native fish species.	samples (from Taupo gates, Horotiu, Ngaruawahia, Ngutunui (Waipā River) and Tuaks bridge), as well as living native freshwater species (including tuna, kokopu, fresh water mussels, small koura). Also had a large poster showing the length of the Waikato River and Waipa River that was a point of reference for water samples which showed visible differences of clarity (or lack of it) to the naked eye. When realising the issues some enthusiastic youth and adults seemed genuinely interested and passionate about carifor our waterways. Was a nice lead in as many asked 'what can we do to fix this to protect our mahinga kai and stop what's happening' so we talked about Healthy River Wai Ora. Just made it all the more real.	
			Feedback from River Iwi manager:
			As with last year's Koroneihana Expo, feed back from our people on the river and water quality were in support of restoring our river to clean, swimmable, fishable and drinkable waters. Like last year we handed out some Healthy rivers information.

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11 March 2015	Lower Waikato River Marae Kaitiaki hui - Pukekohe	Inform Lower Waikato River Marae Kaitiaki on:  • Current progress to date on the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Project	<ul> <li>Lower Waikato River Marae Kaitiaki look at water/environmental/wastewater issues down at Port Waikato.</li> <li>They support using the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan in particular the freshwater chapter as the basis of their engagement in the project.</li> <li>They are taking the same approach with Watercare's water-take and wastewater resource consent applications.</li> <li>Being down at the polluted end of the river, they want their part of the river cleaned up.</li> </ul>
November 2014 Edition – Waikato- Tainui Te Hokioi Tribal Newspaper	Information media story – Distributed via Print/Social Media/Online  Te Hokioi was mailed out to 8,000 Waikato- Tainui households, shared via the tribal facebook page and website.	<ul> <li>Inform Waikato-Tainui tribal members of the:</li> <li>Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Project</li> <li>Update them on the CSG and their hui that was hosted by Waikato-Tainui at Turangawaewae Marae.</li> <li>the Waikato-Tainui engagement approach to the project i.e use of the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan.</li> <li>Provide them with the WRC website details for more information about the project including subscribing to the healthy river e-newsletter</li> </ul>	Positive feedback from tribal members regarding the story, in particular the involvement of Waikato-Tainui kaumatua in the CSG hui (Taki Turner and Ata Poutapu) and the use of the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan.
19 August 2014	Koroneihana – Tāngata whenua engagement Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project stand	To inform Tāngata Whenua about the project and to gather views about their values by asking them what is most important to them about the awa	Koroneihana proved to be a great opportunity to engage with tāngata whenua from all over the region and from both young and old generations. Due to the nature of the engagement (short one-on-one conversations) feedback was captured by asking stakeholders to identify what their awa means to them and getting them to write it down and place it in a feedback box.  Responses relating to swimming were the most common category of response. Example response: "I want the river to be clean so I can swim in it"  Other common categories of responses included:  Fishing. Example response: "To me the river will mean a lot if it were cleaned so if I had children they could fish and made (sic) sure it was fresh"  Spiritual value. Example response: "I think the awa is a special place, and there are a lot of things special about it. I want a special place where we can meditate."  Identity. Example response: "Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au"  Amenity value. Example response: "I enjoy the view of the Waikato River but somedays aren't as great as others, it feels although (sic) people trash it and we as a rohe need to start looking after it"
27 March 2014	River Iwi Engagement – Waikato-Tainui Waikato Raupatu	Inform on what Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project is out to achieve and what it is responding to.  Outline parameters for tangata whenua	Co-management workstream attended the Waikato Raupatu River Trust Environmental Forum hui. The hui was hosted by Ngati Haua Mahi Tahi Trust.
	River Trust Environmental Forum	involvement.  Enquire how tāngata whenua wish to see	A number of key kaitaiki and environmental managers for Waikato-Tainui rohe were in attendance.  The forum was open and engaged on information on Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project and seemed receptive and aware to role of co-management/co-governance. However

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themselves involved in project. Show our face to tāngata whenua.	we did not clarify how tangata whenua see themselves involved and we had limited time to fully discuss the kaupapa.  Getting to grip with issues and how to work with community  Considering targets, confirming issues and options  The hui was hosted by Ngati Haua Mahi Tahi Trust.  A number of key kaitaiki and environmental managers for Waikato-Tainui rohe were in attendance.  Representatives from Mighty River Power and the WRA were also in attendance.  Other kaupapa on the agenda for the day:  Restoration project for Mangaonua Gully stream  Workshop on the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Management Plan  There was a good representation of tangata whenua from Karapiro to Port Waikato area.  Information gathered from workshop on Waikato-Tainui Environmental Management Plan will help with understanding on-the-ground realities.  Tangata whenua seemed to be well aware and well informed on the project prior to first meeting.
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#### Te Arawa

Date	Engagement Activity	Primary Objective	Key Feedback Points
2 November 2015	Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co- Governance Committee	Update on the Healthy Rivers: Plan for change/Wai Ora: He Rautaki Whakapaipai project. Included discussion on:  - Structure and membership of HRWO committee and CSG  - Project timeline amendment  - Engagement and communication between HRWO committee, CSG and TLG to manage issues as they arise  - CSG's list of values  - Community engagement and tāngata whenua engagement  - Managing the expected high number of resource consent applications	See DM# 3464183 for full report
27 June 2014	Te Arawa River Iwi Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co- Governance Committee	Update on the Healthy Rivers: Plan for change/Wai Ora: He Rautaki Whakapaipai project. Included discussion on:  - Background and context of project i.e. legal requirements, water quality, policy effectiveness reviews, stakeholder and community expectations  - Establishment of co-governance committee  - Co-management: Te Rōpū Hautū  - Collaboration  - Tāngata whenua engagement	See DM#3086045 for full report

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10 June 2014	River Iwi Engagement  – Te Arawa River Iwi Tuhourangi Memorial Day hui	Inform on what Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project is out to achieve and what it is responding to.  Outline parameters for tāngata whenua involvement.  Enquire how tāngata whenua wish to see themselves involved in project.  Show our face to tāngata whenua.	TARIT Senior Policy Adviser Tamara Mutu attended the Tuhourangi Memorial Day hui.  The hui was a gathering of members of Tuhourangi, to commemorate the Tarawera eruption and hosted by the Tuhourangi Tribal Authority.  The Chair of the Tuhourangi Tribal Authority provided a 10 min timeslot for this presentation during his report.  The forum was receptive to the presentation. There was genuine interest in the presentation and good feedback afterwards. It is likely that most attendees were unaware of the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project, and the role of iwi in the project. However there was very limited time to discuss the kaupapa.  A handout was provided for attendees and contained information on where to obtain further information.

## Maniapoto

Date	Engagement Activity	Primary Objective	Key Feedback Points
May 2016	Hui-a-iwi	Update on HRWO project	
April 2016	Maniapoto information session	1 x information hui held with Maniapoto with WRC and CSG rep in attendance to outline policy mix	
19 March 2016	Hui-a-tau	Update on HRWO project	
4 March 2016	Ngā Wai o Waipā Co- Governance Forum	Update on the progress of the HRWO project. Included update on:  - Timeline extension - Draft policy mix - Release of engagement reports - Lakes water quality discussion - Release of technical reports	See DM#3699939 for a full report
21 March 2015	River Iwi Engagement – Maniapoto Māori Trust Board - Hui a tau	Update on tāngata whenua engagement and Mātauranga workstream regarding Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Project.	
2 March 2015	Ngā Wai o Waipā Co- Governance Forum	Update on the progress of the HRWO project. Included update on:  - Project timeline - Tangata whenua engagement process - Matauranga Māori work programme - Engagement events coming up	See DM#3295960 for presentation
17 September 2014	Ngā Wai o Waipā Co- Governance Forum	Update on the progress of the HRWO project. Included update on:  - Key milestones and achievements to date i.e. phases 1 (initiation), 2 (planning), and 3 (understanding issues from all sides) - Establishment of TLG - Sign off of community engagement plan	See DM#3137505 for full report
March 2014	Hui-a-iwi	Update on HRWO project	

#### Raukawa

Date	Engagement Activity	Primary Objective	Key Feedback Points
March 2016	Raukawa Uri	Overview and update of the Healthy Rivers: Plan form change / Wai Ora: He Rautaki whakapaipai Project. Included information on:	
		- Re cap on the background to the project;	
		- Rules for the exclusion of stock from water bodies;	
		- Catchment wide and property specific land use rules;	
		- Provision for the development of Māori Land;	
		- A staged approach to achieving Te Ture Whaimana; and	
		- Future allocation of responsibility for reducing contaminates.	
November 2015	Raukawa Uri (x2) - Tokoroa - Wharepuhung	Overview and update of the Healthy Rivers: Plan form change / Wai Ora: He Rautaki whakapaipai Project. Included information on:  - Overview of the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project	
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8 April 2014	Raukawa Charitable Trust and Waikato Regional Council Co-	, ,	See DM#30132257 for full report
	Governance Committee	<ul> <li>Brief overview of the Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora project</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Updates on the latest developments within the project</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>The implementation of Joint Management     Agreement and relationship with the Raukawa     Charitable Trust</li> </ul>	

#### **Tuwharetoa**

Date	Engagement Activity	Primary Objective	Key Feedback Points

- Regular meetings with the Awhina Group
- The formation of a marae working group representative of marae with interests in the Waikato River to provide guidance on matters relevant to the HRWO project
- Reporting back through the marae working group and directly to the marae
- Feedback and discussions with the Tūwharetoa Māori Trust Board